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BOOK REVIEWS.

The Law of Trademarks and Unfair Trade, by Norman F. Hesselstine. Little, Brown & Co., Boston, 1906.

With the lucrative and interesting practise connected with the subject of this book, the Virginia lawyer has but little acquaintance as a general rule. The work itself, however, seems to handle the subject from the standpoint of an author absolutely conversant with his subject. The reasoning is clear, the handling of conflicting decisions excellent, and the work seems to be comprehensive and exhaustive. We would take it to be not only valuable for the practical lawyer, but its excellent exposition of the reasons of the rules of law in regard to the subject discussed makes it an excellent book for the student.

A Selection of Cases on Evidence, for the Use of Students of Law, Compiled and Edited by John Henry Wigmore. Little, Brown & Company, Boston, 1906.

The learned author of the valuable treatise on evidence has brought together in this book a most admirable collection of cases bearing upon the various questions of evidence, from which all extraneous and useless matter has been pruned, leaving the gist of the case apparent at a glance. Its value to the student can hardly be overestimated when it is used in accordance with the suggestions in the preface. The collection itself, which is excellently indexed, will prove we think of almost equal value to the practitioner.

The Foundations of Legal Liability, A Presentation of the Theory and Development of the Common Law, by Thomas A. Street, A. M., L. L. B.; 3 Vols. Edward Thompson Company, Northport, New York. Price \$15.00.

In these days of case-made law and case-made books it is refreshing to find a work which going back to basic principles gives the reason of the law, its theory, its evolution and its history. Mr. Street in the three volumes of this work has done this. In a scholarly and logical way he has taken the fundamental questions that present themselves to the student and practitioner of the law and worked them out in a spirit alike modern, historical and scientific.

Vol. 1 treats of Torts; Vol. 2 of Contract Law; Vol. 3 of Remedial Law. Whilst in the first volume the classification and enumeration of Torts is set out in accordance with familiar principles, a new and original method of treatment is found, tracing the affinity of various wrongs, from the early, violent trespass down to the latest development of injuries done by the more modern agencies unheard of in the days of the Fathers. The author's theory of the true function

of malice in its bearing on legal liability is well conceived and clearly expressed in the discussion of defamation and wrong like unto it.

Volume 2 devoted to Contracts is in a portion of its treatment of the subject somewhat startling, but as one follows the theories of the author the conviction is reached that his presentation of his subject is not only interesting but founded upon sound judgment and correct legal principle.

The third volume devoted to Remedial Law is of peculiar interest to Virginia lawyers, and will convince them that their adherence to common law remedies, modified by wise statutory provisions, is far wiser than the so-called Code practise.

The books are not only useful but pleasant reading. We took them up to criticize—we continued their perusal from a sense of pleasure, and can commend them to the student of the law, no matter what his age. The mechanical work is remarkably well done and the books are well indexed.

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We have just received from the publishers a copy of the new West Virginia Code. It is seldom that we can pass judgment on a publication as we do on this one, saying of it nothing but pleasant things with a clear conscience. That most important feature of any book, the index, is a real index, prepared with the one idea in view to enable the reader to find at once, the question for which he is searching, and this without regard to space. At the beginning of each chapter is an exhaustive analysis of its contents, thus enabling the reader to find without any difficulty the matter contained therein. And this is not all; each section is accurately catchlined in black type, the immense advantage of which is known to every busy lawyer. Another feature of the book is the numbering of the sections consecutively, which is a great help not only in citation, but is an aid to the memory, since important sections in every Code can be more readily recalled by their numbers. So much for the editorial work. The publisher's work is equally well done, and the book altogether is a great credit to all concerned. The selling price has, moreover, been fixed at what, in our opinion, is a very low figure; \$6.50 for the work bound in one volume, or \$7.50 when bound in two volumes.